

A HOW-TO for Discussion Questions

First, if you are looking for the discussion questions, you will find them by clicking on the correct link on the right-hand side of the page first (i.e. Summer Assignments or Unit One).

Once you have decided which question you are going to respond to first, click on that question and a reply box will appear for you to begin typing in. A quick note of warning/advice..... you may want to type your response in Word (or similar program) first and then copy and paste it in. I have (twice) lost my post when I hit the back button accidentally. It can be very frustrating and tends to affect the quality of your post.

So what am I looking for?

- Full response to all aspects of the question.
- Using historical facts to support your opinion, or whatever you are trying to prove
- Information pulled from a website, textbook, etc will be cited. For the purpose of the discussion board ONLY we will cite in this manner: textbook citations will be (Pageant 98) or whatever pg you've pulled the info from, for websites you will provide the link for us. This way we can all find the source info and check it ourselves.
- When applicable, are you able to make connections between various times in history and pull it together to see the bigger picture.
- While not required, I do like to see reference being made to posts made by other students, whether in agreement or in respectful disagreement, but in an academic sense. How can you add to what a classmate has already said? If you disagree with what they have said, why and what proof do you have to offer?
- Writing ability, flow of writing, grammar, word choice, etc....
- Responses should not be a regurgitation of what others- classmates, teachers, sources- have said. They should be your interpretation of these things. When you combine a variety of sources, what have you learned? What have you taken away? What does it all mean to you in relation to the question that has been posed?

How will discussion posts be assessed?

Score	How do I get this score?
3	Excellent response. Fully answered all aspects of the question. Fully supported response with historical facts. Cited information. Writing skills are good.
2	Response answered most and possibly all aspects of the question. Supported response with historical facts but could have used more facts. Cited information. Writing skills are adequate to good.
1	Response may not answer all aspects of the question. Response is weakly supported with historical facts. Information may not be cited. Writing skills may be less than adequate.